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Title: MAGNETO-OPTICAL DISK WITH PROTECTIVE LAYER,
AND OPTICAL DISK DEVICE (as amended)

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With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. At least some of the references were recently cited in a Supplemental European Search Report mailed March 15, 2005. A copy of the search report is enclosed. The following five references, listed on the search report, were previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 28, 2002: EP 0 586 990, JP 2-239440, JP 5-36234, JP 63-113992 and JP 5-274739.

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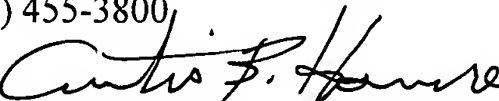
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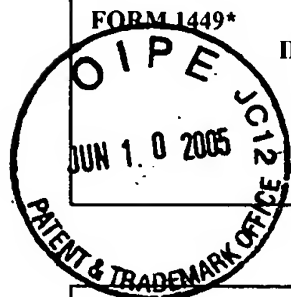
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	5,568,466	October, 1996	Komaki, et al.			
	5,912,061	June, 1999	Uchida, et al.			
	5,959,948	September, 1999	Oshima			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	0 863 503	September, 1998	EPO				

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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